

Tanzanians rap Liberia-Israel ties

DAR ES SALAAM (R) — A Tanzanian group has accused Liberia of threatening African unity by establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. The government-owned *Daily News* Friday quoted the chairman of the Tanzania-Palestine Solidarity Committee, Haroub Othman, as saying Liberian President Samuel Doe's visit to Israel defined "the collective decision of independent Africa." Mr. Doe, who left Tel Aviv Friday, was the first black African head of state to visit Israel since 28 African nations broke off diplomatic ties during the 1973 Middle East war. "We hope that the government of Liberia will rethink the matter and come back to the African fold and that Africa's long-term interests will not be sacrificed for meagre, short-sighted benefits," Mr. Othman was quoted as saying.

Volume 8 Number 2348

AMMAN, SATURDAY AUGUST 27, 1983 — DHUL QA'IDEH 19, 1403

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

Israel returns Turkish captives

ANKARA (R) — Israel handed 24 Turkish citizens captured last year at Palestinian camps inside Lebanon to the Red Cross, Israel's charge d'affaires in Ankara, said Friday. He charged the Turks were involved in various "subversive acts" in cooperation with the Palestinians in Lebanon. He gave no details. He said all the Turks believed to have fled their country following a military coup in 1980, did not want to return home. He said Turkey has not officially asked for the extradition of the 24.

Sinai force director arrives in Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — The director-general of the multinational force and observers in Sinai, Leonid Hunt, arrived Friday to inspect units of the force on the Israeli side of the frontier with Egypt. Mr. Hunt arrived from Egypt where he carried out a similar inspection. He said he would meet Defence Minister Moshe Arens and other Israeli leaders. The multinational force was set up after the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Sinai under the Israeli-Egyptian Camp David agreement in 1978.

Rydebeck to visit Japan, Australia

VIENNA (R) — The head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian refugees, Olof Rydebeck, will visit Japan and Australia this weekend for talks with government official. UNRWA said Friday. The commissioner-general arrives on Sunday in Tokyo and will go to Sydney on Monday, the agency said. It gave no further details.

U.S. mission visits Tunisia

TUNIS (R) — Tunisian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Mahmoud Mestiri conferred here Thursday with a delegation representing the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs committee, the Tunisian News Agency TAP said. Composed of Toni Verstandig, assistant to the foreign Affairs Committee, Stephen Weissman and Loni Sullivan, the delegation recently toured six African states with six U.S. congressmen on a fact-finding mission. TAP said Mr. Mestiri explained to his visitors the Tunisian position on Arab and African problems but gave no other details.

Mrs. Gandhi backs Pakistan democracy

NEW DELHI (R) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi implicitly backed the opposition movement in neighbouring Pakistan Friday, saying she favoured democracy and that injustice should be opposed. Speaking in parliament, she also criticised the policies of President Zia Ul Haq, saying she had condemned the execution of former Pakistani leader Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Mrs. Gandhi, commenting for the first time on the unrest in Pakistan, said India stood for democracy and would continue to do so.

Police leave cancelled in Sind, page 2

INSIDE

- Saudis float idea of Arab summit, page 2
- Hassan opens text books museum in Salt, page 3
- Aquino murder upsets Filipino system, page 4
- Decline in tourism affects Jordan's hotels, page 5
- Syria beats Jordan in Olympic soccer, page 6
- Oil glut slows growth in Bahrain's foreign assets, page 7
- Walesa cheered in Gdansk, page 8

Jordan Times

An independent ARAB political daily published by the Jordan Press Foundation

جريدة الأردنية عن المؤسسة الصحافية الأردنية "الرأي"

Iraq, Iran report fighting

BAHRAIN (R) — Iraq and Iran Friday reported fighting along the Gulf war front, including plane and helicopter gunship raids and artillery exchanges. An Iraqi high command communiqué issued in Baghdad said its planes and helicopter gunships attacked Iranian concentrations in the northern sector. It said they all returned to base safely after scoring direct and effective hits. An Iranian military communiqué issued in Tehran claimed an Iraqi helicopter was shot down Thursday south of the Darband Heights in the northern sector where Iranian troops launched a cross-border thrust on July 23. The Iranian communiqué, carried by the news agency IRNA, said sporadic artillery fire was traded between the two sides in the central sector Thursday.

Druze leader, McFarlane to hold talks in Paris

Junblatt aide evokes possibility of accord on Shouf stalemate

PARIS (R) — An aide to Lebanese Druze leader Walid Junblatt said Friday that the next few hours could be decisive for an agreement between his faction and President Amin Gemayel.

Mr. Junblatt's Druze militia have for the past year been fighting rightist units in the Shouf mountains near Beirut.

Mr. Junblatt arrived in Paris Friday afternoon, as U.S. special Middle East envoy Robert McFarlane and President Gemayel's national security adviser, Wadie Haddad, also flew into the French capital.

An aide told Reuters that Mr. Junblatt expected Friday to meet U.S. officials, possibly including Mr. McFarlane, and added: "The hours to come could be decisive for an agreement between Mr. Junblatt and Mr. Gemayel."

Mr. Junblatt's forces have said they would fight the Lebanese army if it tried to send troops into the Shouf mountains without prior agreement.

Mr. Gemayel has pledged to use the army to take control in the area after Israeli forces carry out a

long-awaited pullback to more secure positions in southern Lebanon.

The Junblatt aide said Friday: "The situation is tense, but when the deadlock is broken, there should be a political agreement before the Lebanese army moves in."

He said a meeting had been arranged Friday between Junblatt and U.S. officials, possibly including Mr. McFarlane, who briefed French officials, possibly including Mr. McFarlane, who briefed French officials at the External Relations Ministry Friday afternoon.

But he said they had so far not been contacted by the Lebanese government over a possible meeting between Mr. Junblatt and Mr. Gemayel's national security adviser.

Mr. Haddad is a key aide of Pre-

sident Gemayel. He was recently reported to have visited Jeddah and Amman, apparently in the hope of meeting Mr. Junblatt.

Diplomats here said they believed there might be a meeting of the U.S. envoy, Mr. Junblatt and Mr. Haddad, but added they did not know of any plan for the three to get together.

The French news agency Agence Centrale de Presse quoted well-informed sources as saying Mr. Junblatt met senior officials at the French External Relations Ministry earlier Friday afternoon.

Mr. Junblatt wants radical changes in the running of Lebanon and guarantees of safety for his followers in the Shouf mountains.

Mr. Gemayel, in a television address Friday night, appealed to people in the Shouf not to fire on Lebanese army troops when they moved to occupy abandoned Israeli positions.

Mr. McFarlane has been shuttling between Israel and Lebanon to coordinate the Israeli withdrawal with the Lebanese authorities.

The influential daily *Le Monde* said Mr. Gemayel was prepared to meet Mr. Junblatt on neutral ground.

Mr. Junblatt's forces have said they would fight the Lebanese army if it tried to send troops into the Shouf mountains without prior agreement.

Mr. Gemayel has pledged to use the army to take control in the area after Israeli forces carry out a

Israel plans new prison in Lebanon

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel is building a new prison camp in South Lebanon for Palestinian guerrillas captured in last year's Israeli invasion of Lebanon, military sources said Friday.

The new camp is being constructed a short distance from the existing Ansar camp where more than 5,000 Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners of war have been held since last summer.

The sources said that prisoners in the new camp would be housed in concrete structures built to last several years. Construction would be completed by November, before the onset of the Lebanese winter.

Prisoners in Ansar have been living in tents. Israeli newspapers recently reported that discipline inside the camp had deteriorated badly and the Israeli army was losing control.

The Maariv newspaper this week quoted an Israeli officer as saying Israeli soldiers were scared to enter the camp and only did so in large, heavily armed groups.

Two weeks ago, 14 prisoners escaped from Ansar through a hole in the perimeter fence in its first successful breakout since the camp opened.

Israeli soldiers who have served at Ansar have said the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was in total control inside the camp.

Arafat, Fateh committee discuss split in ranks

TUNIS (R) — Fateh, the main Palestinian guerrilla group led by Yasser Arafat, is meeting in Tunis to discuss the split in its ranks, Palestinian sources said Friday.

Eleven of Fateh's 15 Central Committee members began meeting Thursday night to study the response of dissidents to proposals made by a special conciliation mission.

The objective of the mission, set up by the Central Council of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), is to try to settle disputes within Fateh and help to mend relations between the PLO and Syria. Mr. Arafat has a key role in support of Mr. Arafat.

Mr. Arafat returned to Tunis Thursday night for the Fateh meeting after a brief visit to neighbouring Algeria where he visited Palestinian guerrillas stationed in Tebessa.

Egyptian-Israeli relations remain cool, says Ghali

CAIRO (R) — Egypt said Friday that its relations with Israel were in a state of "cold peace" and it was trying to establish new means of dialogue.

Butas Ghali, minister of state for foreign affairs, said that while his country's ties with Israel amounted to what he described as "cold peace," Egypt was trying to establish "new channels of dialogue with Israel to bring about its full withdrawal from Lebanon."

Mr. Ghali, speaking in an interview with Radio Cairo, did not elaborate but appeared to refer to the talks held here last week between Israeli former Defence Minister Ezer Weizmann and Egy-

Manila students protest against Aquino murder

MANILA (R) — Several thousand students demonstrated Friday in protest at the murder of Philippines opposition leader Benigno Aquino while police said they had made little headway in their efforts to identify the killer.

The police commander investigating the slaying said he had drawn "only blind leads" in finding the identity and motive of the killer.

A special commission ordered by President Ferdinand Marcos to inquire into last Sunday's assassination also ran into problems when one of its members signalled he would not be able to take part.

Some 4,000 students at the state-run University of the Philippines carried signs denouncing the government as "fascist" and accusing it of violating human rights, but the protest was largely peaceful.

A brother and two daughters of the murdered former senator joined the protesters who held a prayer rally on the steps of a university building. Armed campus police watched from a distance but there were no incidents.

Security forces have taken precautions against possible violence as feelings mounted against the killing of Mr. Aquino.

Mr. Aquino was shot by an unidentified gunman as he was being escorted by guards from an aircraft which brought him back to Manila after three years of self-imposed exile in the United States.

Metropolitan Manila police chief Major-General Prospero Olivas, heading investigations into the killing, said he had no clues to the identity of the alleged gunman beyond a ring with the initial "R" found in his pocket and clothing.

Aquino had been suspended and confined to barracks, including their commander, Brigadier-General Luisito Custodio.

He said his findings would be at the full disposal of the special commission appointed by President Marcos on Wednesday to make a separate inquiry into the murder.

Asked about a possible motive, he said one possibility was to consider who stood to lose most from the killing and who stood to gain.

"In the particular case, those who stand to lose most are the Philippines government, of course. Those who stand to gain would be those who would gain if the government is destabilised," the general said.

Gen. Olivas said airport security men assigned to guard Mr. Aquino had been suspended and confined to barracks, including their commander, Brigadier-General Luisito Custodio.

Aquino had been suspended and confined to barracks, including their commander, Brigadier-General Luisito Custodio.

He said his findings would be at the full disposal of the special commission appointed by President Marcos on Wednesday to make a separate inquiry into the murder.

Asked about a possible motive, he said one possibility was to consider who stood to lose most from the killing and who stood to gain.

"In the particular case, those who stand to lose most are the Philippines government, of course. Those who stand to gain would be those who would gain if the government is destabilised," the general said.

Gen. Olivas said airport security men assigned to guard Mr. Aquino had been suspended and confined to barracks, including their commander, Brigadier-General Luisito Custodio.

Qasem in Tunis; may meet Arafat

TUNIS (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem arrived here Friday to discuss a joint Arab response to Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and parts of Lebanon.

He is also expected to meet Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat. Palestinian sources said.

The minister said he had come to consult with Tunisian Foreign Minister Beji Caid Essebsi on joint Arab action, saying the Arab states should coordinate their response to the "permanent aggression" they were facing.

"We cannot delay any longer a review of the dangerous events taking place in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and this concerns also the Palestinian cause itself," Mr. Qasem said.

"In the same way, the continuing occupation of the Lebanese territory by the Israeli forces has a moral and material impact on all the Arab states, from the Middle East to North Africa," he said.

Mr. Qasem said it was necessary to counter moves aiming to renew links between Israel and some African states. After Zaire, Liberia this month became the second African country to restore diplomatic ties with Israel.

In Amman, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, reported earlier Friday that Mr. Qasem was on his way to Geneva, heading an official delegation to a U.N. conference on Palestine scheduled to open on Aug. 29.

"The world should find practicable ways for establishing a just and comprehensive peace in the region, based on an Israeli withdrawal from all territories occupied in the 1967 war, and guaranteeing the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people on its national soil," Mr. Qasem said.

"Effective steps need to be adopted at the conference for pressurising Israel into abandoning its settlement policies and withdrawing its forces from Lebanon," Mr. Qasem went on.

Mr. Qasem pointed out that Jordan, "while offering all possible support and assistance to the just Arab cause, and the Palestinian people in particular, will insist that the conference contribute to the independence of Palestinian political decision-making and keeping it above containment and influence."



ATTACK ON AIR FRANCE: Part of the sign "Air France" lies on the ground Thursday after an explosive device was thrown by unidentified men at the Air France office in eastern Beirut. Three people were reported injured in the attack (A.P. wirephoto)

Cairo urges PLO unity

CAIRO (R) — Egypt called Friday for an end to fighting between supporters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and rebels of his Fateh group.

The call was made by Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali in an interview with the Paris-based newspaper *Al Wattan Al Arabi* (the Arab Homeland) and reported by the official Middle East News Agency.

Palestinian sources said the meeting would probably also discuss the situation in the People's Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, led by Ahmed Jibril, an anti-Arafat PLO organisation. A faction of the front has come out in support of Mr. Arafat.

Mr. Ali said Egypt had always supported the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and urged all parties to put Palestinian interests before personal disputes.

"In dealing with Palestinian issues Cairo only contacts the PLO," the minister said.

Mr. Arafat returned to Tunis Thursday night for the Fateh meeting after a brief visit to neighbouring Algeria where he visited Palestinian guerrillas stationed in Tebessa.

Mr. Arafat's plan suggested Palestinian self-rule in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, in association with Jordan.

Mr. Ali warned against putting the Middle East problem on ice, particularly since U.S. presidential elections are due next year.

Meanwhile in Tripoli, one man was killed when commandos loyal to PLO Chairman Arafat stormed and seized a guerrilla office from anti-Arafat rebels Thursday, securing the building.

Delegates wrestled with the Maltese question for more than 14 hours Thursday but emerged to nearer a solution.

They turned their attention to Maltese after deciding to hold a foreign ministers' gathering whether or not the Maltese endorsed the final document of their three-year review of the Helsinki accords on European security and cooperation.

Malta has withheld its agreement on the document to back demands for a separate conference on Mediterranean security that both East and West have rejected out of hand.

If Malta maintains its stand, the foreign ministers would have to meet outside the framework of the conference and there were signs Thursday night that this was beginning to cause concern.

Diplomats said it could mean the end of the rule of consensus established when the U.S., Canada, the Soviet Union and the rest of Europe, except Albania, signed the Helsinki agreements eight years ago.

Continuing Maltese intransigence could also create problems with the programme of follow-up meetings that are agreed in the final document, the diplomats said.

The programme is scheduled to begin in Helsinki in October with a preparatory meeting for European disarmament talks starting in Stockholm next January.

Moscow offers to scrap some SS-20s</

HEADLINES

Air Force aircraft crashes near Jerash

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian Armed Forces General Command spokesman announced Wednesday that at about two p.m. Wednesday during a training flight by a Royal Jordanian Air Force formation team, one of the planes crashed in the Jerash area. The incident caused the death of the pilot Lt. Ali Ahmad Hassan Al Khawaleh, while a resident in the Jerash area was killed and five others injured by falling wreckage.

Further details of the crash have been withheld pending an inquiry, a spokesman said.

Passport rules clarified

AMMAN (Petra) — Non-Jordanians holding temporary passports will not be issued with either family record documents or identity cards, according to a memorandum issued by the Civil Registration Department (CRD) to Jordanian embassies abroad. It said that birth certificates of family members of non-Jordanians holding temporary passports will not be replaced by Jordanian ones. Temporary pas-

sports can be recognised by their one-year duration of validity and by the final page of the document where the word 'without' is written instead of the bearer's file number, the memorandum added.

This procedure has been adopted after it was discovered by the CRD that some Jordanian embassies had accepted documents for civil registration purposes from people holding temporary pas-

Jordan orders JD 2.5m in new studio equipment

AMMAN (J.T.) — Television station equipment has been ordered by the Jordan Company for Television, Radio and Cinema Production for its new complex being built at Amman.

The project is scheduled to be completed in 1985 when the company will supply programme material throughout the Arab World.

Link Electronics of Andover, in southern England, is to provide JD 2.5 million worth of the equipment consisting of machinery for two large studios, production control rooms and complete

post-production facilities. It will also supply seven of its new generation of colour studio automatic cameras, the Link 151, which have extensive microprocessor control for rapid setting up.

Experts from Link will arrive Amman to supervise the installation of the instruments and teach the local staff how to use it.

This is the second success the company has achieved in Jordan: In 1980 it worked on four-camera production studio for the Jordan Television Corporation.

NEWS IN BRIEF**Badran receives NCC speaker**

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran received in his office Thursday National Consultative Council (NCC) Speaker Suleiman Arar.

Zarqa to get new complex

ZARQA (Petra) — A Professional Associations' complex is to be opened in Zarqa Sunday. To mark the occasion, a three-day flower and shrub show will be held. Pamphlets on growing and caring for flowers and displaying evergreens will be available free to all visitors.

Rural electrification programme continues

MAFRAO (Petra) — The Irbid District Electricity Company (IDEC) has started implementing its technical project to electrify eight villages in the Mafraq district. The current stage includes the installation of high-pressure lines, the construction and distribution networks and the building of transformer installations. IDEC Director-General Mohammad Arafah said the electrification of the villages, which is costing some JD 630,000, will be completed during the first quarter of next year.

Productivity seminar concludes

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on productivity in Arab industrial projects was concluded Thursday at the Arab Organisation for Administrative Sciences (AOAS). Representatives of industrial companies and corporations in several Arab countries participated in the ten-day seminar, which was organised by the Arab Organisation for Industrial Development in cooperation with the Arab Union for Foodstuffs Industry. During the seminar, participants exchanged views on ways of increasing productivity especially when applied to the context of Arab industrial organisations.

School management discussions convened

SALT (Petra) — A seminar on school management continued at the Salt Community College Thursday. The Thursday session examined issues related to the maintenance of school buildings, budgeting and student counselling. The seminar, participated by head teachers from all over the country, aims to facilitate an exchange of views and experience between those involved in the administration of educational bodies on theoretical and practical educational issues.

Yarmouk registration for disabled opens

AMMAN (Petra) — Yarmouk University sources said registration at the centre for the education and rehabilitation of the disabled will open Sunday. The sources added that the parents of the disabled are requested to see the director of social development in Irbid for registration purposes within two weeks starting Sunday. Disabled applicants for student places should not be less than six or more than 15 years old, the sources said. Those who wish to join vocational training courses should be older than 18 years of age, it said.

Jordanian goods praised, says pavilion director

DAMASCUS (Petra) — The Jordanian ambassador to Damascus Hussein Hamami and the Jordanian consul Ahmad Al Vibaili Thursday paid a visit to the Jordanian pavilion at the Damascus International Fair which opened Aug. 22.

The Jordanian pavilion was visited by large number of Arab and foreign visitors who expressed admiration for the high sta-



Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tai describes the origins of some of the exhibits in the textbook museum in Salt Thursday to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan (Petra photo)

Pan-Arab companies meeting recommends reduced dependency on foreign consultants

By Philip Robins
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The 11th meeting of the directors of the four joint Arab companies recommended in its concluding session here Thursday that the companies seek to reduce their technical dependency on foreign consulting firms.

The director-general of the Amman-based Arab Mining Company (ARIMCO), Thabet Taher, said that large amounts of money are being budgeted to pay foreign consultants, particularly for feasibility studies and appraisals, while the skills of the companies' own manpower are not being developed and exploited to the full.

To overcome this problem the meeting, which was sponsored by the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), proposed that its personnel should be encouraged to go abroad to attend specialist training courses and international conferences, while an exchange of expertise and information should be facilitated among the companies themselves.

The Amman meeting also urged that a comprehensive survey of Arab consulting firms be undertaken to "make use of their expertise" and to "encourage their development." In this respect the Arab Organisation for Industrial Development (AOID), a representative from which attended the talks as an observer, was singled out for special praise having already begun to collect



Thabet Taher

such information.

The meeting also discussed the role that could be played by the joint Arab companies in relation to individual CEAU members' development plans. Mr. Taher, who acted as conference chairman, said that country surveys by the companies should respond to the priorities outlined in individual government plans.

The directors also proposed that the companies should try to encourage joint projects linking the resources of different member states. As an example, Mr. Taher pointed to the potential that exists between Mauritania and Morocco. While the former has significant levels of copper deposits the latter is considering con-

structing a copper smelter. In addition, the meeting reviewed the achievements of the individual companies which, apart from ARIMCO, comprise the Damascus-based Arab company for Livestock Development, the Baghdad-based Arab Company for Industrial Investments and the Amman-based Arab Company for Pharmaceutical and Medical Supplies. Mr. Taher said that the reports confirmed that the companies were "on the right track" and capable of making significant contributions.

Finally the companies were urged to maintain close contacts with Arab development funds and institutions whose "contribution is important in the financing of the companies' projects."

The meeting's recommendations will now go before the next session of the CEAU ministerial council, which includes the ministers of finance and the economy from the CEAU member states, which convenes in the December of this year. Mr. Taher emphasised that the proposals had been kept intentionally general to give the ministerial council the greatest amount of flexibility in considering them.

Apart from the AOID, observers from the Arab League, the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development and the Fund for Social and Economic Development also attended the meeting, the opening session of which was addressed by CEAU Secretary-General Mihdi Al



Yarmouk University Engineering Office Director Raif Najim delivers a lecture Thursday on "The Treasures of Jerusalem and its Islamic Heritage" (Petra photo)

Najim lectures on Jerusalem

AMMAN (Petra) — Yarmouk University Engineering Office Director Raif Najim Thursday gave a lecture at the Islamic Conference's Amman Office on "The Treasures of Jerusalem and its Islamic Heritage."

In his lecture, Mr. Najim reviewed the history, architecture and art of Jerusalem, as well as Israel's drive to seize and appropriate the historic and archaeological sites of Jerusalem.

He added that the exhibition consisted of medicines, gas cookers, refrigerators, prams, clothes, leather products, foodstuffs, detergents and other products.

Also on display are samples of fertilizers, potash and phosphates as well as posters showing Jordanian archaeological and tourist sites. Mr. Khreisat added.

Iraq-Jordan transport meeting to begin today

AMMAN (Petra) — The Iraq-Jordan Land Transport Company (IJLTC) board of directors open a three-day meeting here Saturday. The meeting will discuss issues related to IJLTC's current and future plans, and the achieve-

ments made by the company over its past years of activity.

Participating in the meeting will be Iraqi under-secretary of Transport and Communications Abdul Sattar Farhan, who arrived in Amman Thursday.

In his lecture, Mr. Najim reviewed the history, architecture and art of Jerusalem, as well as Israel's drive to seize and appropriate the historic and archaeological sites of Jerusalem.

He pointed out that Arab League-backed plans for the reconstruction and maintenance of Jerusalem's historic sites have been outlined by the Aqsa Mosque Reconstruction Committee and the Royal Committee for Jerusalem Affairs in Amman.

The total number of accidents last week reached 153, in which 11 people were killed and 118 injured. The Amman area had the highest proportion of accidents with 48.

Car accident levels fall.

AMMAN (Petra) — A Traffic Department spokesman said that the number of road accidents occurring last week is considerably less than the week before. Compared with the same period last year, the figure is encouragingly lower, the spokesman added.

The total number of accidents last week reached 153, in which 11 people were killed and 118 injured. The Amman area had the highest proportion of accidents with 48.

Hassan opens national textbook museum in Salt

SALT (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Thursday inaugurated the first textbook museum in Jordan at the community college in Salt in a ceremony organised by the Ministry of Education.

Prince Hassan delivered a speech to the opening ceremony in which he called for a more diversified study of the current curriculum, explaining the importance of such studies and research in shaping the values and spirits of young Jordanians.

Prince Hassan later visited the museum, touring its sections and listened to a detailed description by Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal about the contents of the museum.

A speech was later delivered by

the director of the Salt community college in which he welcomed Prince Hassan and thanked him for his constant efforts in supporting educational institutions in Jordan. She also briefed the assembly on the museum's aims and purposes.

The textbook museum includes textbooks used in tuition in Jordan from 1921 till the present day, plus official documents, certificates and postage stamps from the same period. These will be exhibited to help explain the development of Jordan through the same period.

The contents of the textbook museum were collected by the documentation section of the Ministry of Education which also includes samples of old furniture used during the same period.

Contributions to the museum's collection were also received from the Yarmouk University, the Amman College for Engineering, the Salt secondary school and the Suweileh agricultural school. Individuals also donated collections of rare books and documents to the museum.

Also attending the event were the governor of Balka', Mayor of Salt, general secretary of the Ministry of Education, members of the National Consultative Council and other government officials.

Talal Dam to get loan

KUWAIT (Petra) — Jordan is one of four countries to be granted loans from the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development in

the coming week, according to a Kuwaiti News Agency report. The loan is to help finance the raising of the King Talal Dam project on the Zarqa River.

Chad underlines possible French role

(Continued from page 1) ed to centre on the role of the French force.

Informed sources said Mr. Habre told Mr. Heru that the military situation was grave. But no statement was issued on the meeting and the sources declined to reveal details.

Mr. Heru said on arrival Thursday night he was in Chad to inspect the French troops.

The government has repeatedly this week that rebels were pushing south from their northern base at Faya-Largeau in two columns, each backed by 100 Libyan tanks and 1,500 Libyan regulars.

Mr. Heru was due to fly Friday with Chadian Defence Minister Rouhoum Yoma to the eastern garrison town of Abeche, one of four places where French troops have been stationed on a new east-west defence line.

The French troops helped Mr. Habre set up the defence line after the rebels led by former President Goukouni Oueddei took Faya-Largeau on Aug. 10.

Mr. Soumaila said Chad was grateful to Mr. Mitterrand for having spelled out that France considered Libya the "aggressor" in this latest chapter of a civil war that has erupted intermittently for 17 years.

But he declined to comment on Mr. Mitterrand's mention of federation as a possible solution to the conflict, which caused dismay among officials in N'Djamena, informed sources said.

Diplomatic sources said the idea of federalism was against everything Mr. Habre had worked for since he took power in June 1982. Mr. Habre, like many northerners, considers a federation would be the first step to secession by the richer southern half of the country.

The sources also said Mr. Mitterrand's appeal for talks between the warring factions was unlikely to fall on fertile ground.

Meanwhile in Paris, assurances by President Mitterrand that France will have recourse to arms,

would actively pursue a negotiated settlement of the Chad conflict were treated coolly Friday.

While Mr. Heru discussed French strategy with President Habre in N'Djamena, opposition spokesmen at home blamed Mr. Mitterrand's hesitations for aggravating the crisis.

Military sources said French air and ground forces were expected to stay in the country for several months.

Official spokesmen refused to discuss the high cost of the operation, an unforeseen additional burden on France's ailing economy, or comment on reports by a diplomatic source that the United States was helping to meet the expense.

Although Mr. Mitterrand is assured of the support of his Socialist Party, the government's Communists allies continued to express reservations.

Roland Leroy, a member of the Communist Party's Central Committee, said Communist fears that France would become bogged down in Chad had not been allayed and he added: "There is no shortage of warmongers in France Friday."

Leaders of the centrist and right-wing opposition parties, accused Mr. Mitterrand of being indecisive and questioned the likelihood of serious negotiations getting under way.

Jean Lecanuet, leader of the centrist UDF, said:

"François Mitterrand admits he waited before intervening and thus bears part of the responsibility for the present situation which has gravely exposed our country."

"Now he admits he is waiting for negotiations although he does not know when they will start, how or with whom."

Jean de Lipkowski of the neo-Gaullist RPR party said: "Negotiations have no chance of succeeding unless it is clearly affirmed that in the case of refusal, we will have recourse to arms."

Shipwrecked Party

GET WRECKED

AT THE BEST DISCO IN TOWN!

saturday - 3rd of september 1983

jd 1.000 per person and free cocktail

for those in fancy dress

Shehrazad Disco

for further information call Amra Hotel

815071 Ext. 1507

FORUM HOTELS

Car accident levels fall.

AMMAN (Petra) — A Traffic Department spokesman said that the number of road accidents occurring last week is considerably less than the week before. Compared with the same period last year, the figure is encouragingly lower, the spokesman added.

The total number of accidents last week reached 153, in which 11 people were killed and 118 injured. The Amman area had the highest proportion of accidents with 48.

LEO
SALE 25%

Moroccan, Egyptian
Dishdashas
Ladies slippers

Inside Sports City
Tel: 667776



Salwa

El Taher

The two men stood in the middle of the desert, looking at each other and at the overturned car. Bassem, the driver, had a small scratch on his chest, and Jamil, his navigator, had no worse than a large tear in his shirt. But they were still dizzy, with shock as

One day in the life of a rally driver

much as disbelief.

Bassem had twice before been champion of the Jordan car rally. He was the pet driver of the race, for he always came out with minimum penalties. Jamil was bright, meticulous and had done his homework in assessing speeds and calculating distances. And yet, less than an hour after the race began, here they were, helmets in hand, beaten by the desert winds.

Beaten! Thought Bassem. And suddenly, he was angry at the futility of it all. How could it have happened to him, while he was doing so well? He had even discovered a short-cut that had saved them a great deal of time and effort. But then, the unexpected gravel, the skidding of the car, its slow downward dance. Oh, how infuriant!

Safe! Thought Jamil. They were actually safe! He almost wept as he remembered how, less than a month ago, his own car had over-

turned with his pregnant wife and their two children. They had been badly bruised, physically as well as psychologically, but they had survived; a narrow escape. And, now, this. How will his wife react when she hears the news? She had misgivings about the race anyway, a sort of premonition...

"Hey there, what happened to you?"

Participants in the race stopped their cars immediately when they saw their crushed engine. But Bassem waved them away impatiently:

"We're fine! Don't worry," he'd shout, "don't lose time, go ahead!"

Some of them would not believe him, they would come down to check for themselves, to make sure they were O.K. Then they would go back into the race, informing checkpoints and organisers. "Do you need anything?" They would ask before leaving.

"Nothing, nothing, just go," Bassem would urge.

Nothing? Jamil was puzzled. What if any of them had some kind of shock-reaction? Internal bleeding? Concussion? After all, he had lost consciousness himself for a few seconds... or what had seemed like a few seconds. How could Bassem be so sure? So cocksure? He could not repress what he felt towards him now resentment and dislike. Resentment, because he was the driver. He had steered that wheel...

But causing them to land on their heads in the middle of nowhere was not enough. Now he had to act like a willful child whose

best toy has just been broken. It could be hours before they were picked up, and yet he had drunk most of their water supply. God, but this was no joke. And yet he kept telling everyone: "Go, go, don't lose time." As if winning was so crucial. If he only knew how

lucky they were to be alive. But he did not feel like telling him anything. He felt like rummaging in the car.

So he went back to fish out as best he could remainings of the wreckage. Sandwiches... sandwiched now, but could be useful later. The stop-watch... had stopped, but could probably be repaired. His file, his notes, yes of course he wanted the tables he had spent the night drawing up. Now... didn't they have some kind of plastic bag somewhere?

Hey, Jamil, what do you say we walk to the main road? It would take us a couple of hours at most to get there.

"But are you sure we ought to do it?" Asked his friend, propping his head out of the crashed window.

"Do you have any other suggestions?"

"No, but someone might come looking for us."

"I have a feeling they would have already come if they intended to."

"How well I knew it, how well it liked me... Oh, how humiliating!"

"Ok, you're the boss," answered Jamil, unable to hide his bitterness.

They walked together in silence. But not complete silence. A slow hissing sound came from behind a near-by stone.

"Bassem!"

"I have a feeling there might be a snake behind that stone," whispered Jamil.

"Then don't go near that stone," Bassem whispered back flippantly.

Their steps resounded on the dusty road. Same walk, same rhythm, same pace. In unison. But everything else was out of tune. For the first time in their twenty-old friendship, they were not on the same wave-length.

I never knew he could be so irresponsible, so insensitive, thought Jamil. What's eating him up? His missed laurels? Oh, but some people are vain... I wonder how they're coping with the news back home... while I walk with this cryer-over-split-milk.

Oh, but what a bore, thought

Bassem. We can cope with whatever comes up next. But gone is the chance to meet the challenge: the opportunity to excel: the possibility to bring performance to its perfection. When will he know that his future he can shape, but that his past he can never recuperate?

And so on they went, until they reached the main road. Picked up by a truck, they sat back to back all the way to Amman. Sartre's play, "Huis Clos" loomed too heavy with meaning over their stiffened shoulders: "L'enfer c'est les autres"; Hell is the others... at least when stranded together in the desert after overturning in the midst of a car rally.

The above incident took place during one of the 1982 rallies held in Jordan. This year's Jordan Rally, however, ended without a single hitch. Credit must be due to the organisers.

Decline in tourism affects Jordan's hotel industry

By George Shomaly

AMMAN — The opening on Aug. 1 of the government-owned Petra Hotel, just outside the entrance of the famous rock-carved city of the Nabataeans, exemplified the irony surrounding tourism in Jordan today.

The 81-room luxury hotel — the smallest of its class in Jordan — is strategically situated at one of the greater tourist attractions in the Middle East, if not the world. More than any other hotel it should be able to profit immensely from tourist traffic.

But the hotel, conceived and initiated — like many others — in palmy days before recession, has come into the market at a time when demand is lower than it has ever been compared to supply. It is time when even Jordan's best-established hotels are hard-pressed to achieve fifty per cent occupancy.

This is the irony: Jordan has a huge potential for tourism — based on its antiquities and its biblical history — that is only beginning to be fully exploited. But under depressed economic conditions, tourism growth has slowed so much that some of the effi-

orts that have been made in the past — a four-fold increase in hotels between 1967 and 1982 — may have been wasted.

Five four-star and five-star hotels have opened in the past two years. In almost every case now, the management was it was a mistake. There are two more to open by the end of 1984: The 300-room Alia Hotel at the new Queen Alia International Airport and the 350-room top-of-the-line Plaza Hotel, being built by the Housing Bank in Amman.

To quote one experienced Amman hotelier who wished to remain unnamed, "This country need 650 more hotel rooms in the next year and a half like it needs a bad headache." Several hotels, particularly the three-star and four-star hotels who rely heavily on group tourist bookings, are suffering badly, and the hotelier expects that at least one or two of them may have to close in the next couple of years.

Petra an exception

The Petra Hotel may be an exception to the rule of faltering occupancy rates. It is managed by Forum Hotels, a subsidiary of the International Hotels Corporation, which is known for high

standards. Forum also manages the Amra Hotel in Amman, which in less than a year of operation has become one of the city's most successful.

The Petra Hotel offers something unique: An air-conditioned environment which tourists can use as a base to explore Petra's beauty. Its managers hope the hotel will be able to capture much of the one-night stay market of tourists about to cross the Jordan River bridge to view the Holy Land, as well as adventurers who devote several days to Petra.

To achieve a real return on capital — which is not expected until the third year of a hotel's operation — the average room rate charged should be one-tenth of one per cent of the price per room of building the hotel.

This assumption goes along with that of having at least 65 per cent occupancy on a fairly regular basis. But in today's market, most hotels have found that in order to maintain some cash flow and to keep afloat at all, they must let their room rates drop far below the yardstick.

One 300-room Amman hotel, for instance, which opened in late 1981, cost about \$37 million to build: A price per room of around

\$105,000, and therefore a room rate of \$100-plus. But it is now charging only around \$60 a room, and by the latest reports was costing around fifty per cent occupancy.

Another, newer 300-room hotel cost \$18 million: \$50 to 60 for ideal room rates. But that hotel is charging on average \$32 a night for its rooms at present, and managing to keep average occupancy quite high.

These hotels are fighting through a difficult period: matching their rates to the market to keep customers and stay open. But the Petra Hotel, with its 81 rooms, is reported to have cost at least \$9 million. Its average room rate ought to be well over \$100 a night. The rates are fixed by its owners, the Ministry of Tourism, at far below this level, and are unlikely to rise, even when business gets better.

The Petra Hotel will become profitable "only if there is a sharp upswing in traffic at reasonable rates," a knowledgeable source said. Neither of these factors seems ready to loom on the horizon. But the hotel could succeed in what may be the main purpose of the Ministry of Tourism and the World Bank (which helped pay for

its construction as part of a loan to develop Petra and Jerash). Stimulating tourism to the site, giving a boost to the local economy and helping to revive interest in Jordan as a tour destination in general.

Many other sectors besides hotels are affected by the state of tourism — transport, entertainment, communications — and a healthy tourist business can do much to firm up the economic "muscle tone" of certain areas within the country. Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, is another venture that practically stands or falls according to the strength of tourist business.

In the present doldrums, all parties tend to put the responsibility for publicising Jordan on one another. Alia, which has probably done more than any other in this regard, complains that the government is not doing its part. The government eagerly encourages Alia and local travel agents to participate in international tourism events; and everyone blames the hotels for not marketing themselves.

Besides the stark fact that people obviously have less money to spend on travel these days, Jordan also suffers from uncertainties. such as that over the fate of the Jordan River bridges. Groups have in the past been able to cross from Jordan to the West Bank to see the "holy sites". But in 1981 Israel stopped allowing the return trip, which torpedoed that full tourist season. One year later the bridges were reopened to two-way traffic, but only for a one-year trial period. Since tours are usually planned well in advance, the uncertainty worries tour operators.

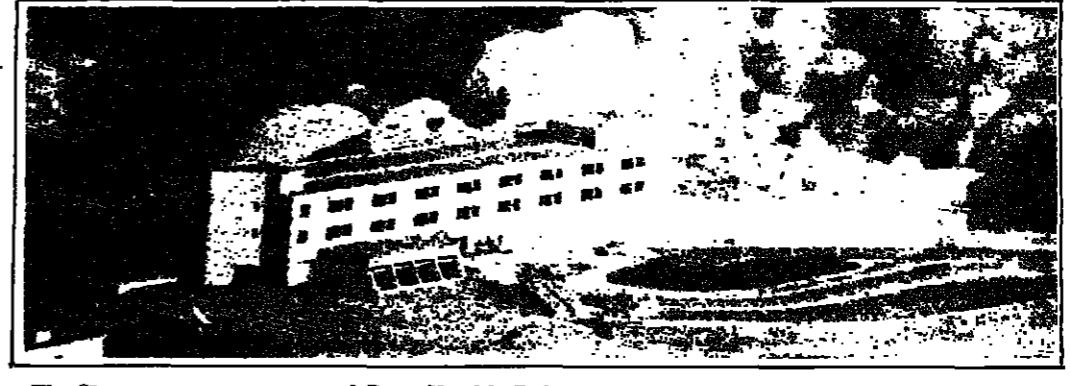
The sea resort of Aqaba is another case in point: Until recently small but steady numbers of nor-

thern Europeans used to come there for winter holidays in the sun. Aqaba's prominence in the headlines from Jordan to the West Bank to see the "holy sites". But in 1981 Israel stopped allowing the return trip, which torpedoed that full tourist season. One year later the bridges were reopened to two-way traffic, but only for a one-year trial period. Since tours are usually planned well in advance, the uncertainty worries tour operators.

The effect of all this is hard to measure in numbers, apart from the hotels' reduced bookings. Figures for tourist arrivals show an

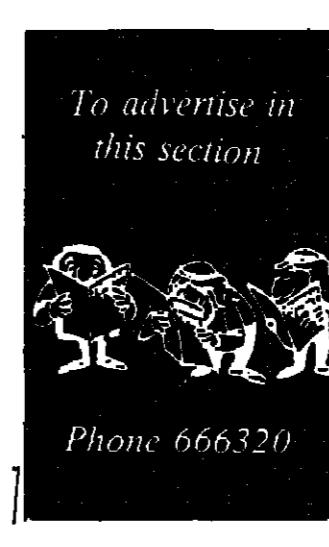
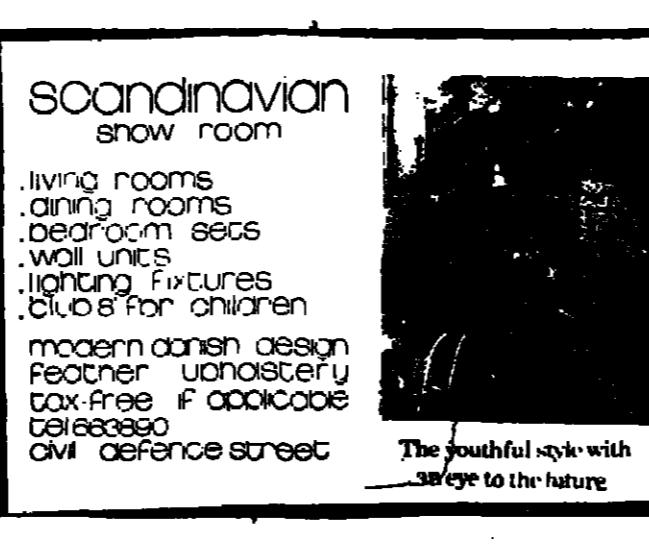
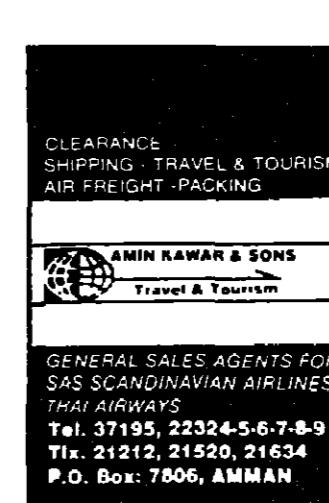
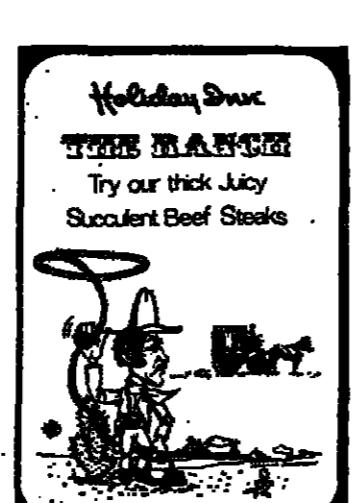
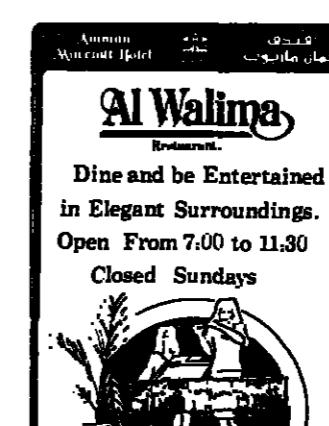
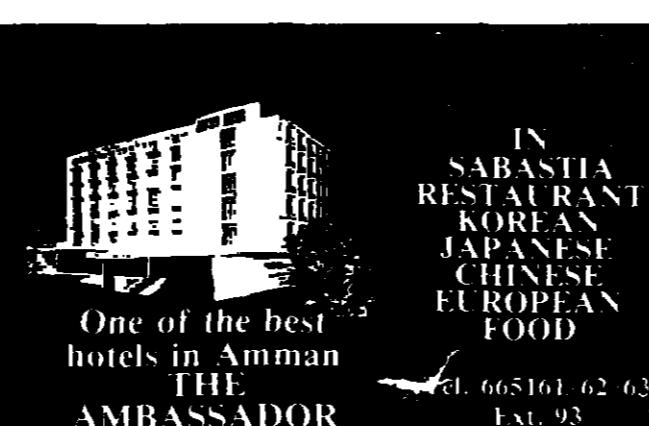
actual increase in 1982 of 32.9 per cent to 1.9 million. This followed a year of almost zero growth in 1981. But of the 1.9 million, 1.67 million are shown as having come from Arab countries. The official definition of a tourist is anyone of any nationality who comes to Jordan from abroad and spends foreign currency. So out of the 1.67 million arrivals from Arab countries, a large number can be assumed to be Jordanian expatriate workers on holiday back home. Arab businessmen and family visitors. The number of true tourists could even be dwindling.

— The Middle East Times Cyprus



The 81-room government owned Petra Hotel built just outside the rock-carved city.

JORDAN MARKETPLACE



SPORTS

Syria beats Jordan in Olympic soccer

By Salameh Nehmat
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordan national soccer team Friday played the Syrian national team at the Al Hussein Sport City Stadium, as part of the Asian group qualifying games for the Olympic soccer tournament to take place in Los Angeles in 1984.

The Syrian team beat Jordan 1-0. The goal was scored by Marwan Madrati of Syria in the 12th minute of the second half.

The first 30 minutes of the match the Jordanian team gave a good performance but declined later after missing a few valuable chances.

After the goal, the Syrians played defensively blocking any attempt by Jordanian players to comeback, through the rest of the game.

Attending the match were Mr. Adnan Abu Odeh Minister of Information, Mr. Matan Abu Nowar Minister of Culture and Youth, Mr. Ahmad Tarawneh Minister of Justice and the Syrian Charge d'Affaires in Amman along with 20,000 spectators.

Both teams met earlier this month in Damascus in which Syria beat Jordan 3-2 in the first leg of the tournament.

Along with Jordan and Syria, their qualifying group also includes Qatar and Kuwait.

Jordan will play Qatar on Sept. 8 in Qatar and Kuwait will play Syria day in.

On Sept. 15 Jordan will play Kuwait in Kuwait. In the return games, Jordan will play Qatar in Amman on Oct. 14 and a match will also take place in Amman on Oct. 21 between Jordan and Kuwait.



Jordan's goalkeeper Milad 'Abassi picking up the ball from the net after Syria's Madarati scored the only goal. (photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Noah ousted in 1st round

JERICHO, New York (R) — Yannick Noah of France, the French Open Champion and seeded fourth in next week's U.S. Open Tennis Championships, suffered the humiliation of a first-round defeat in a \$150,000 invitational tournament here Thursday night.

He was knocked out of the competition by the unfancied Brian Gottfried of the U.S. in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3.

Noah, the top seed in this event, admitted he was rusty after a two-month lay-off. This was caused by a six-week suspension imposed by the men's International Professional Tennis Council and two weeks resting a sore knee.

"I showed I'm not ready," said Noah, whose next match will be against American Scott Davis in the Open next week.

Noah lost serve to start the match as unseeded Gottfried, beaten by Noah in last year's Open, made a mockery of the form book, "My serve and volley were good, and I returned serves better than he did," Gottfried said. "He possibly wasn't match-tough."

Noah was unable to get his first serve working in the first set and the American stormed into a 5-1 lead.

Noah's concentration also wavered in the second set and he foot-faulted five times, enabling Gottfried to get to a 4-1 lead.

The French Champion showed flashes of his top form to rally to within one game of Gottfried, but the American held his serve and then Noah suffered his sixth service break of the match in the final game.

Patrice Hagelauer, the French Davis Cup coach who practised with Noah on Wednesday, said Noah, "Being out so long makes a player lose confidence. He has to start again. The first week at the Open will be tough for Noah."

Gross breaks another world record

ROWE (R) — West German Michael Gross shattered his second world record of the week when he won his fourth gold medal at the European Swimming Championships in the Olympic pool, Rome on Friday.

The 19-year-old Frankfurt schoolboy, who broke the 200 metres freestyle world mark on Monday, defeated the two-year-old 200 metres individual medley, Astrid Strauss.

Gross also anchored West Germany to a 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay world record this week, won by more than two seconds from Soviet Olympic Champion Sergei Fesenko, who finished in 1:59.74.

Gross also won the 100 metres butterfly here, equaling his own European record of 54.01 seconds, and has proved the most ex-

pecting swimmer of these 16th European Championships.

But the West German's title was the only individual gold to elude the rampant East Germans in the Olympic pool on the penultimate day of the championships.

Ute Geweniger claimed her third gold medal in the 200 metres individual medley, Astrid Strauss her second in the 100 metres freestyle, and world champion Dirk Richter the men's 100 metres backstroke.

Just to complete another superb all-round display, Geweniger teamed up with Ina Kleber, Ines Geissler and Birgit Steinke to break their own world record in the 4 x 100 metres medley relay with a time of 4:05.74, shaving 0.09 seconds off the mark they set in the World Championships Guayaquil, Ecuador, last year.

Gross, who also anchored West Germany to a 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay world record this week, won by more than two seconds from Soviet Olympic Champion Sergei Fesenko, who finished in 1:59.74.

Gross also won the 100 metres butterfly here, equaling his own European record of 54.01 seconds, and has proved the most ex-

pecting swimmer of these 16th European Championships.

Geweniger, who won the 100 and 200 metres breaststroke, was always in control in defence of her 200 individual medley title and won by more than two seconds from compatriot Kathleen Nord.

The 19-year-old from Karl-Marx-Stadt clocked 2:13.07, well outside the 2:11.73 world mark she set in East Berlin two years ago but far out of reach of her rivals.

The East Germans' 4 x 100 metres medley relay win brought Geweniger and Steinke their fourth gold medals apiece in Rome.

It was a far from unexpected triumph as Kleber, Geweniger, Geissler and Steinke had already won the individual 100 metres backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle events. Kleber was the only newcomer to the quartet, taking the place of Kristin Otto who swam the backstroke leg in Guayaquil.

It was the second world record for Geweniger who beat her own mark on Thursday in the 100 metres breaststroke.

Earlier, Strauss, making her senior debut at 14, outshone her elders to snatch a second individual title.

Now, four years short of his old age pension, he has been handed

English soccer season begins, all eyes are on Nicholas

LONDON (R) — Liverpool, Manchester United and Tottenham will all be reduced to supporting roles on the opening day of the English soccer season on Saturday.

For all eyes will be focused on Highbury Park, London where Arsenal entertain Luton.

It is many years since the word 'entertain' has been used in connection with Arsenal and the signing of Charlie Nicholas for £650,000 (\$975,000) from Glasgow Celtic has transformed 'the Gunners' into a star attraction before a ball has been kicked.

The 21-year-old Scot is the most exciting player to emerge in Britain since George Best, complete with Beatles haircut, left the streets of Belfast to find fame — if not ultimately fortune — with Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Best's over-publicized personal problems brought a premature end to an unforgettable career and there is a genuine fear Nicholas may fall prey to the pressure of living up to the 'glamour boy' tag he has inherited.

"Champagne Charlie," who has already been labelled, will be the highest paid footballer in Britain. He enjoys nightclubs and discos and his business manager has negotiated a series of lucrative personal sponsorship deals.

If Nicholas has not left his extraordinary goal-touch in Scotland, he will find friends and admirers in abundance. If he fails, he can expect no mercy.

As the likeable Best discovered, adulation can quickly turn to contempt... and in football, that is when the knives come out.

Although 40 years older, Joe Fagan will have every sympathy with Nicholas. At 61, his image of a nightclub is that of a football team which plays every match under floodlights.

But Fagan, too, will be under close scrutiny. He has inherited the job of leading Liverpool, following in the footsteps of the legendary Bill Shankly, football's fondest remembered manager, and Bill Paisley, football's most successful manager.

Fagan has devoted his life to football to Liverpool, serving a long apprenticeship as reserve team coach then assistant manager.

Now, four years short of his old age pension, he has been handed

the task of masterminding Liverpool's bid to win the championship for the seventh time in 10 seasons.

Liverpool, who face a tricky visit to newly-promoted Wolverhampton on Saturday, find themselves in their customary position as League, F.A. Cup and League Cup favourites.

And to their fans following on the famous 'Kop' terraces at Anfield, a fourth European Cup triumph would not go amiss either.

Fagan, who will have the reassuring presence of Paisley in the Liverpool directors' box, failed to persuade Nicholas against joining Arsenal, but strengthened an already impressive squad with three close-season signings.

Bob Boulder arrived from Sheffield Wednesday and will provide some much-needed competition to the often-inspired, often eccentric Zimbabwean goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar.

Coventry's highly-talented Gary Gillespie has been recruited as cover for injury-prone defenders Alan Hansen, Mark Lawrenson and Phil Thompson while Irish international Michael Robinson will increase the battle for places up front.

Liverpool surrendered their first piece of silverware last Saturday when they were beaten 2-0 by Manchester United in the Charity Shield game at Wembley and it is from Old Trafford that they can expect their fiercest challenge in the months ahead.

United boss Ron Atkinson also stood out in the race for Nicholas' signature, but there are signs the F.A. Cup holders, who play hosts to second division champions Queen's Park Rangers in their opening game, may just have the edge on Liverpool this season.

Tottenham, who feature in an attractive clash at Ipswich on Saturday, will also be among the front-runners although Argentine star Osvaldo Ardiles will miss the first four games through injury.

There has never been much wrong with the Tottenham attack.

Ardiles and Glenn Hoddle form a 'dream' midfield, while Alan Brazil, Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks look good for a feast of goals.

Prost steps up bid for world title

ZANDVOORT, Netherlands (R)

World Championship leader Alain Prost of France stepped up his bid for the title Friday and secured his Renault into second place after the first practice for Sunday's Dutch Motor Racing Grand Prix.

But it was Lotus, one of the great names of Formula One racing, who dominated the session as Italy's Elio de Angelis and Britain's Nigel Mansell set the first and third best practice times respectively.

De Angelis piloted his Renault-engined Lotus round the Zandvoort track in one minute 16.411 seconds — an average speed of 200.327 kph.

Prost split the two Lotus drivers finishing 0.20 seconds behind the Italian while Mansell was another 0.11 seconds down.

The Frenchman will be boosted by Friday's session following his

WANTED

1) Furnished Apartment for Rent. A Japanese Co., wants a furnished apartment with two bedrooms and telephone. Location: 4-6 Circle.

2) housemaid.

For information, call: 812397 between 10 - 12 a.m.

WANTED CHEF

(Western & Arabic Cuisine)
5 Years experience, very good salary

Call 41074 from 9.00 - 1.00
3.50 - 7.00

FURNISHED APARTMENT FOR RENT

Deluxe furniture, 2 bedrooms, with extra one for maid, ground floor with private garage and central heating and telephone.

Location: Shmeisani
Tel: 671349 or 814861

UNIQUELY POSITIONED WITH A FOREST-VIEW HOUSE FOR RENT

Spacious house with a red-tiled roof near Wassif Al Tal Villa. Four rooms, two kitchens, open salons, three bathrooms, three verandas. Separate garden; garage; telephone, central heating.

The house can be rented with furniture.
Please contact houseowner on telephone no.: 842260 after three p.m. or 842334 any time.

THE AMMAN MARRIOTT HOTEL

has openings for:
BUSINESS CENTER SECRETARY
SALES SECRETARY

Must be fluent in English, with excellent typing skills.
Applicants must apply in person at the Personnel Office between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Precious Thoughts come easier with

Spode

ISSA BEAUTY SALON FOR LADIES

Needs a girl to work at the beauty salon. Must have experience in manicure, make up and pedicure.

Call in person at the beauty salon on Jabal Amman.

Fourth Circle tel: 42147

Spode

ISSA BEAUTY SALON FOR LADIES

Needs a girl to work at the beauty salon. Must have experience in manicure, make up and pedicure.

Call in person at the beauty salon on Jabal Amman.

Fourth Circle tel: 42147

Carrier

Amazing new offer

& Cash & Carry

August 23 to Sept. 22

Air-conditioners at reasonable prices for all

| | | |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------|
| JD 225 | One-ton cooler-heater | 11,000 B.T.U. |
| JD 265 | One and a half-tons cooler | 18,000 B.T.U. |
| JD 285 | Two-tons cooler | 23,500 B.T.U. |

Above-mentioned prices
does not include installing.

New models. One-year guarantee.

National Trading Company.
Zuhair Khouri building,
Jabal Lweibdeh; Telephone no. 25082. Amman.

Carrier

Amazing new offer

& Cash & Carry

August 23 to Sept. 22

Air-conditioners at reasonable prices for all

| | | |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------|
| JD 225 | One-ton cooler-heater | 11,000 B.T.U. |
| JD 265 | One and a half-tons cooler | 18,000 B.T.U. |
| JD 285 | Two-tons cooler | 23,500 B.T.U. |

Above-mentioned prices
does not include installing.

New models. One-year guarantee.

National Trading Company.
Zuhair Khouri building,
Jabal Lweibdeh; Telephone no. 25082. Amman.

Jeff in 1983

ECONOMY

U.S., USSR sign 5-year grain pact

MOSCOW (R) — United States Agriculture Secretary John Block Thursday signed a new five-year grain pact with the Soviet Union.

Mr. Block, the most senior member of a U.S. administration to pay a formal visit to Moscow since 1978, signed the accord at a brief ceremony with Soviet Foreign Trade Minister Nikolai Patolichhev.

The pact has been seen in the West as marking an end to a long slump in trade relations following Washington's imposition of a grain embargo in 1979 in response to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

The new grain pact raised the minimum Soviet purchases of U.S. grain from six to nine million tonnes a year.

"This is a very very important

occasion," Mr. Block said after he and Mr. Patolichhev had formally signed the treaty documents in a small room of the Soviet foreign trade ministry.

Mr. Patolichhev replied "yes" but made no other comment before the two men disappeared into a neighbouring room for talks on the development of bilateral trade ties.

As they departed, Mr. Block handed Mr. Patolichhev a badge and said he was making him an honorary member of the American Corngrowers' Association.

The new grain pact raised the minimum Soviet purchases of U.S. grain from six to nine million tonnes a year.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices ended slightly firmer as the market steadied after the losses earlier this week but dealers said trading was very quiet ahead of the long holiday weekend.

At 1400 GMT the F.T. index was up four points at 721.4.

Most dealers gained a few pence, with ICI up 6p at 534 and Guest Keen and BTR each 5p higher. Bowater fell 5p to 216 on fading bid hopes, but dealers said there were few features in the quiet conditions.

Sentiment was helped around mid-morning by a rally in government bonds, although bonds later eased from their highs.

Gold fell with the bullion price, and U.S. shares were mixed.

Bonds ended with gains of around 1/2 point, slightly off the highs as U.S. bonds weakened but well above opening lows. Prices were buoyed by lack of sellers and expectations of a fall in Friday's U.S. money supply M1 data, dealers said.

Blue Circle gained 4p at 435 after Thursday's interim results, while London Brick rose a penny to 90 after 92. Active Irish oils had Atlantic Resources up 3p at 355 after 305. Britoil rose 12p to 254. In foods Tesco rose 5p to 153.

Pearl Assurance added 12p at 724. In newspapers Fleet rose 6p to 117 amid reports Australian businessman Robert Holmes a Court's Bell Group has increased its stake.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

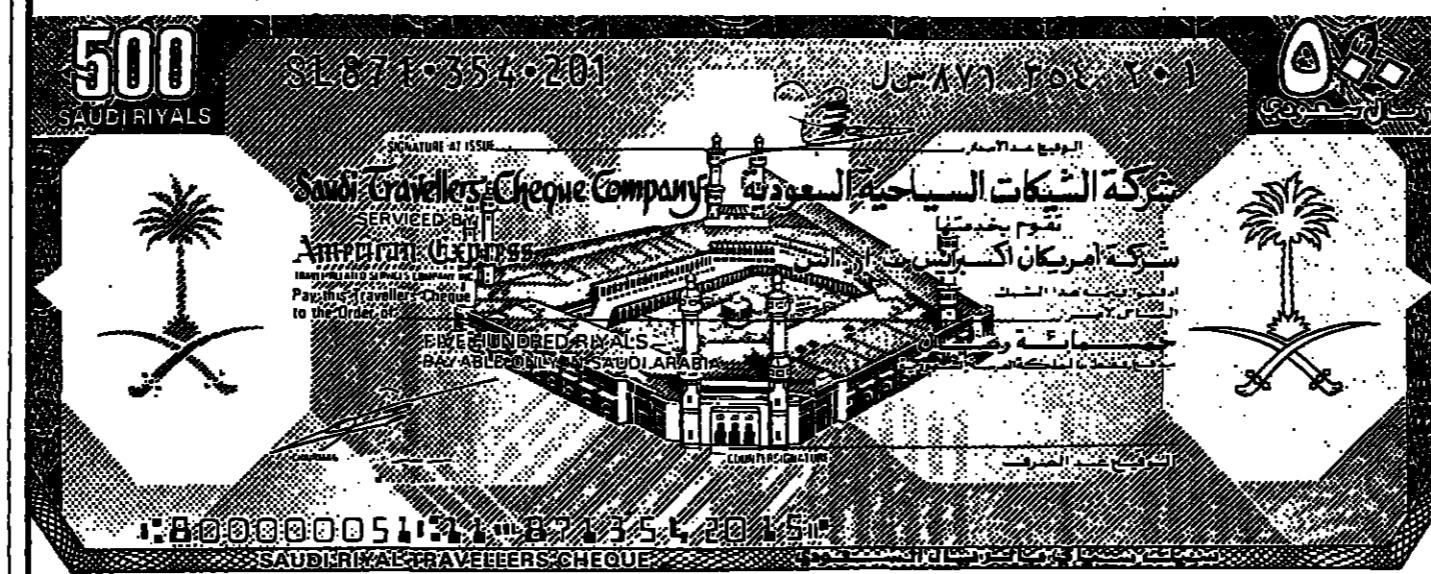
| One sterling | 1.5067/77 | U.S. dollars | Canadian dollars |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| One U.S. dollar | 1.2365/08 | West German marks | 2.26563/73 |
| 2.9770/80 | 2.1592/1602 | Dutch guilders | 53.38/42 |
| 5.9890/8.0010 | 7.9980/8.0010 | Swiss francs | 1585.00/1586.00 |
| 244.25/35 | 244.25/35 | Belgian francs | 7.4500/8.550 |
| 7.4500/8.550 | 7.4450/4500 | French francs | 9.5675/5725 |
| 9.5675/5725 | 19.00/419.50 | Italian lire | 419.00/419.50 |
| One ounce of gold | 419.00/419.50 | Japanese yen | |
| | | Swedish kronas | |
| | | Norwegian kronas | |
| | | Danish kronas | |
| | | U.S. dollars | |

THE BETTER HALF®

By Harris



Saudi riyal travellers cheque launched



RIYADH — A Saudi riyal travellers cheque was launched on Friday, Aug. 26.

Issued by the Saudi Travellers Cheque Company, a joint venture among eight Saudi banks with American Express as the servicing company, the cheque is appearing in SR 50,100,500 and 1,000 denominations.

The highest bank note presently issued in the kingdom is SR 100.

The Saudi riyal travellers cheque is described as a destination currency for travellers to and within Saudi Arabia.

It is initially available from all banks and leading money changers with the kingdom and accepted by these same establishments as well as

merchants, shops, restaurants, car hire firms, etc.

The cheque will also be available from leading banks in the Middle East.

Internationally, it is refundable at American Express outlets and encashment is available through participating banks' correspondents abroad.

Primarily aimed at the massive Haj market, the Saudi riyal travellers cheque will be an ideal payment method for nearly two million pilgrims attending the Haj each year, and will also offer a safe alternative to cash for businessmen and residents travelling to and within the kingdom, a press release issued by the company in Riyadh this week said.

BAHRAIN (R) — The world oil glut sharply slowed growth in Bahrain's foreign assets during 1982, the country's central bank said in its annual report released Thursday.

The Bahrain Monetary Agency said the drop in the state's oil revenue slowed growth in net foreign assets to \$6.8 million Bahrain dinars (\$172 million) from \$304.0 million (\$807) million in 1981.

The country's official reserves actually fell by 1.6 million dinars (\$4.2 million) during the year, to stand close to 620 million dinars (\$1.64 billion). . . .

This was sufficient to finance 10-1/2 months of non-oil imports compared with 12 months at the end of 1981, the report noted.

The report said inflation in Bahrain, as measured by the consumer price index, fell to six per cent in 1982 from eight per cent in 1981.

It also said Bahrain's oil pro-

duction dropped by 4.7 per cent to 16.07 million barrels, about 42,000 barrels a day.

"The downward trend in indigenous oil production, which started some years ago, is continuing and is expected to remain because some oil wells have dried and others yield less, and that with intense effort," the report said.

Production of refined oil dropped 24.4 per cent to 70.83 million barrels in 1982.

Bahrain imports oil from Saudi Arabia for refining and re-export.

Natural gas production fell for the third successive year, by nearly 16 per cent to 130.5 billion cubic feet, and the report added the production decline was expected to continue.

Oil glut slows growth in Bahrain's foreign assets

TOkyo (R) — The U.S. economic recovery helped Japanese video-recorder makers boost exports to a record 1.38 million units in July, according to figures published Thursday.

This compared with 1.25 million sets exported in June, with sales to the United States at \$16,000 more than double the figure for July last year.

Industry sources said the U.S. economic recovery easily offset

lower shipments to the European Economic Community as a result of self-restraints on exports there.

Exports to the community fell to 377,000 in July from 438,000 a year earlier and the total for the first seven months of 1983 dropped 10 per cent to 2.34 million sets.

Meanwhile, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation said Thursday it had developed a new television set capable of turning screen images

into hard copy black-and-white pictures.

The TV, the first of its kind in the world, could convert pictures into digital information, memorise them, control them on a microcomputer and print them on thermo-sensitive paper in monochrome in 15 seconds, Mitsubishi said.

It will market the new TV in late October.

Japanese video makers boost exports to record 1.38m units

TOKYO (R) — The U.S. economic recovery helped Japanese video-recorder makers boost exports to a record 1.38 million units in July, according to figures published Thursday.

This compared with 1.25 million sets exported in June, with sales to the United States at \$16,000 more than double the figure for July last year.

Industry sources said the U.S. economic recovery easily offset

lower shipments to the European Economic Community as a result of self-restraints on exports there.

Exports to the community fell to 377,000 in July from 438,000 a year earlier and the total for the first seven months of 1983 dropped 10 per cent to 2.34 million sets.

Meanwhile, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation said Thursday it had developed a new television set capable of turning screen images

into hard copy black-and-white pictures.

The TV, the first of its kind in the world, could convert pictures into digital information, memorise them, control them on a microcomputer and print them on thermo-sensitive paper in monochrome in 15 seconds, Mitsubishi said.

It will market the new TV in late October.

Japanese video makers boost exports to record 1.38m units

TOKYO (R) — The U.S. economic recovery helped Japanese video-recorder makers boost exports to a record 1.38 million units in July, according to figures published Thursday.

This compared with 1.25 million sets exported in June, with sales to the United States at \$16,000 more than double the figure for July last year.

Industry sources said the U.S. economic recovery easily offset

lower shipments to the European Economic Community as a result of self-restraints on exports there.

Exports to the community fell to 377,000 in July from 438,000 a year earlier and the total for the first seven months of 1983 dropped 10 per cent to 2.34 million sets.

Meanwhile, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation said Thursday it had developed a new television set capable of turning screen images

into hard copy black-and-white pictures.

The TV, the first of its kind in the world, could convert pictures into digital information, memorise them, control them on a microcomputer and print them on thermo-sensitive paper in monochrome in 15 seconds, Mitsubishi said.

It will market the new TV in late October.

Japanese video makers boost exports to record 1.38m units

TOKYO (R) — The U.S. economic recovery helped Japanese video-recorder makers boost exports to a record 1.38 million units in July, according to figures published Thursday.

This compared with 1.25 million sets exported in June, with sales to the United States at \$16,000 more than double the figure for July last year.

Industry sources said the U.S. economic recovery easily offset

lower shipments to the European Economic Community as a result of self-restraints on exports there.

Exports to the community fell to 377,000 in July from 438,000 a year earlier and the total for the first seven months of 1983 dropped 10 per cent to 2.34 million sets.

Meanwhile, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation said Thursday it had developed a new television set capable of turning screen images

into hard copy black-and-white pictures.

The TV, the first of its kind in the world, could convert pictures into digital information, memorise them, control them on a microcomputer and print them on thermo-sensitive paper in monochrome in 15 seconds, Mitsubishi said.

It will market the new TV in late October.

Japanese video makers boost exports to record 1.38m units

TOKYO (R) — The U.S. economic recovery helped Japanese video-recorder makers boost exports to a record 1.38 million units in July, according to figures published Thursday.

This compared with 1.25 million sets exported in June, with sales to the United States at \$16,000 more than double the figure for July last year.

Industry sources said the U.S. economic recovery easily offset

lower shipments to the European Economic Community as a result of self-restraints on exports there.

Exports to the community fell to 377,000 in July from 438,000 a year earlier and the total for the first seven months of 1983 dropped 10 per cent to 2.34 million sets.

Meanwhile, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation said Thursday it had developed a new television set capable of turning screen images

into hard copy black-and-white pictures.

The TV, the first of its kind in the world, could convert pictures into digital information, memorise them, control them on a microcomputer and print them on thermo-sensitive paper in monochrome in 15 seconds, Mitsubishi said.

It will market the new TV in late October.

Japanese video makers boost exports to record 1.38m units

TOKYO (R) — The U.S. economic recovery helped Japanese video-recorder makers boost exports to a record 1.38 million units in July, according to figures published Thursday.

This compared with 1.25 million sets exported in June, with sales to the United States at \$16,000 more than double the figure for July last year.

Industry sources said the U.S. economic recovery easily offset

lower shipments to the European Economic Community as a result of self-restraints on exports there.

Exports to the community fell to 377,000 in July from 438,000 a year earlier and the total for the first seven months of 1983 dropped 10 per cent to 2.34 million sets.

Meanwhile, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation said Thursday it had developed a new television set capable of turning screen images

into hard copy black-and-white pictures.

The TV, the first of its kind in the world, could convert pictures into digital information, memorise them, control them on a microcomputer and print them on thermo-sensitive paper in monochrome in 15 seconds, Mitsubishi said.

It will market the new TV in late October.

Japanese video makers boost exports to record 1.38m units

TOKYO (R) — The U.S. economic recovery helped Japanese video-recorder makers boost exports to a record 1.38 million units in July, according to figures published Thursday.

This compared with 1.25 million sets exported in June, with sales to the United States at \$16,000 more than double the figure for July last year.

Industry sources said the U.S. economic recovery easily offset

lower shipments to the European Economic Community as a result of self-restraints on exports there.

Exports to the community fell to 377,000 in July from 438,000 a year earlier and the total for the first seven months of 1983 dropped 10 per cent to 2.34 million sets.

WORLD

Workers jeer at deputy premier, cheer Walesa at Lenin shipyards

WARSAW (R) — Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity union, was cheered by workers on arrival at the Lenin shipyards in Gdansk Friday following the verbal clash between his supporters and a government minister Thursday night.

Mr. Walesa, who was carried shoulder-high by supporters after the meeting aimed at explaining government policies, dismissed the government spokesman's verdict that it was a political victory for the authorities.

"Only the communists could invent something like that," he told Western reporters.

Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski was jeered and whistled at when he addressed more than 500 shipyard workers. He ruled out any talk with the leaders of the union, which was dissolved last October.

Official newspapers Friday carried his entire speech and gave only hints of the uproar at the meeting. It ended with Mr. Walesa being carried from the shipyard gates as supporters chanted the union name and sang the national anthem.

The incident appeared to be a grave embarrassment for the government.

The go-slow call seems to have

drawn little support so far.

Thursday night's meeting took place in the same shipyard hall where the Gdansk agreements with the government were signed by Mr. Walesa after strikes in 1981.

Doubts about arrest

Authorities in Krakow Thursday questioned and then released one of the leaders of the underground Solidarity who stated on television that he had surrendered to police and renounced opposition activities.

But in Warsaw another member of the six-member leadership, Zbigniew Bujak, cast doubts on the affair, saying there had been no sign that the Krakow activist, Wladyslaw Hardek, had been interrogated or abandoned the struggle.

In his television statement Wednesday night, read in an emotionless monotone and couched in the language of the official Polish media, Mr. Hardek said he had made up his mind to turn himself in under an amnesty scheme.

He said he had decided that "protest actions antagonise our workmates and lead to unnecessary divisions in society" and

urged other underground leaders to "think over the purpose of any further activity."

But Mr. Hardek's signature appeared with those of other underground leaders on a statement made available here saying the opposition movement's Provisional Coordinating Commission (TKK) met on Monday.

The statement said the entire six-member leadership, including Mr. Hardek, called on workers to follow calls for a go-slow as the country marks the third anniversary of the strikes and agreements that gave birth to the Solidarity Union.

Mr. Bujak's statement, which reflected the surprise of many Solidarity supporters after Mr. Hardek's television announcement, said: "Up to the last moment (Hardek) took part in the work of the TKK."

"At this moment I do not know what circumstances caused him to find himself in the hands of the authorities nor those which led to him appearing before cameras."

"Whatever they were, they brought another loss. But, as we have done in the past, we will manage to make up for the loss."

Argentine politician condemns his abductors after miraculous escape

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Escaped kidnap victim Patricio Kelly said he knew the identity of several of the armed men who seized him near his Buenos Aires home Wednesday.

Mr. Kelly, 61, a key witness in several human rights cases now before Argentine courts, reappeared early Thursday after jumping from a moving car in a Buenos Aires suburb.

At an improvised news conference outside his home, he said he could name several of his kidnappers, but he declined to do so to reporters.

He blamed the incident on what he called "a mafia which has more power in this country than the armed forces." He alleged that "Argentina is the prisoner of a mafia of 100 people," but he again did not name anyone.

Mr. Kelly also refused to give details of how he escaped from his captors, saying he would save his story for a judge.

The maverick political figure, who is spearheading a campaign to link former navy commander Adm. Massera with massive corruption and a chain of murders, said he owed his life to intensive press coverage of his kidnapping.

Mr. Kelly repeated earlier allegations against Adm. Massera, who is being held in custody on his evidence on charges related to the disappearance of businessman Fernando Branca in 1977.

Mr. Kelly has said that Adm. Massera, who was navy commander from 1974 to 1978, was a leading member of the illegal Pro-Pagan-Duo (P-2) Masonic lodge in Argentina.

Referring to the kidnapping,

Mr. Kelly said a man mentioned in a police statement as taking part in the abduction while wearing an army colonel's uniform, was not a real military officer.

"He was a man disguised as a colonel and it is up to the armed forces to take action over this," he added.

A police car was at the scene of the kidnapping, but the police statement said the man dressed as the colonel told the policemen present that only a minor traffic accident had taken place and the patrol car drove off.

Mr. Kelly said his captors beat him with the butts of their guns and transferred him between several cars while in captivity.

He said he was held in two houses and at one point was in an area where police were searching for him with helicopters.

NEWS IN BRIEF

French police seize large hashish haul

PARIS (R) — Police said they had seized some four and a half tonnes of cannabis valued at five million francs (\$630,000) in the latest crackdown on both soft and hard drug traffickers in France. A raid on the Lebano boat Fast 2 in the southern port of Marseilles Thursday led to the discovery of 427 containers which were marked "lentils" but held about 40 slabs of hashish, police said. Some 20 members of the crew, mostly of Turkish and Lebanese origin, have been arrested for suspected trafficking in what police said was the largest amount of cannabis to reach France.

Wealthy travellers rob luxury train

LONDON (R) — Wealthy travellers on the Orient Express between London and Venice presented luxury fittings and equipment worth £100,000 (\$150,000) since the train service was revived 15 months ago, officials said. Among the items which have disappeared are crystal champagne glasses, silver coffee pots and monogrammed towels. Servicemen have been used to remove elegant fittings from the carriage walls. A spokesman for the Orient Express, which charges £330 (\$445) for a ticket to Venice, said: "We sold passengers they could buy an item they fancied, but it seems they found it easier to just help themselves."

Taiwan launches probe into school deaths

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwanese authorities have launched an inquiry into a school tragedy in which 27 girls were killed and 84 injured when a ceiling collapsed. Officials said the provincial commissioner of education, Huang Kun-Huei, had offered his resignation to take responsibility for Wednesday's accident at the provincial high school in Feng Yuan, 160 kilometres south of Taipei. The police chief in Feng Yuan told Reuters by telephone that an initial investigation showed the ceiling collapsed because of an accumulation of water on the roof after several days of heavy rain.

Spiders plague Soviet region

MOSCOW (R) — A plague of highly venomous black widow spiders has hit the southern Soviet region of Astrakhan, a Moscow newspaper reported Friday. Kom-somolskaya Pravda said the spiders had already killed a number of camels and other animals but that so far no people had been affected. The Astrakhan variety of the spider emits a poison 15 times stronger than that of a cobra, and bites prove fatal if not treated quickly, the daily said.

Pope's body found well-preserved

VATICAN CITY (R) — The body of Pope Pius X, whom many venerated as a saint during his own lifetime, is still in a perfect state of preservation 69 years after his death, a bishop of St. Peter's Basilica said Thursday. Vatican clergy claimed the discovery earlier this year after they opened the glass-fronted coffin of Saint Pius in the southern nave of the basilica to investigate a strange odour. "The body was perfectly preserved," Bishop Vittorio Ottaviani of the chapter of St. Peter's told a reporter. "But the original clothes in which he was buried were decomposing and have been replaced." One Vatican cleric, who declined to be named, said he had been astonished by the lifelike appearance of Saint Pius when the silver face mask he wears was temporarily removed.

Elephant given artificial insemination

BASLE (R) — Basle's zoo said Thursday it had achieved the world's first artificial insemination of an elephant. One of its African elephants was inseminated under anaesthesia with deep-frozen sperm taken from a number of bull elephants in the wild, a zoo statement said. Preparations took four years and gestation will take a further 22 months.

Australian test-tube baby team to go ahead

MELBOURNE, Australia (R) — Australia's leading test-tube baby team was Friday given approval by an ethics committee to go ahead with a new process involving the transfer of eggs between women.

The work, by Melbourne's Monash University-Queen Victoria Hospital in-vitro team, was stopped last October while a committee studied its legal, social and health aspects.

The technique involves extracting an egg from a donor which is then placed in a test tube, where it is fertilised by the sperm of the husband of the infertile woman. The fertile egg is then replaced in the woman.

The nine-member committee, set up by the state government of Victoria, said the use of donor eggs should be permitted and laid down guidelines for all aspects of producing test-tube babies.

Routine methods involve an egg, taken from a woman who cannot conceive, being fertilised by her husband's sperm in a test tube before being replaced.

Donor sperm is also used in the case of infertile husbands.

The new process, the success of which has yet to be proven with the birth of a healthy baby, will be allowed to proceed if the government accepts the recommendations.

U.N. chief says Cuban issue should not be linked to Namibian settlement

LISBON (R) — Angolans protested against alleged South African aggression against their country as United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez De Cuellar arrived in the capital of Luanda Friday, the official Angolan news agency Angop reported.

In a message received here, Angop said the demonstration was also in protest against "imperialist manoeuvres" over independence for neighbouring Namibia (South West Africa).

Before flying to Luanda from Windhoek, the Namibian capital, on the last leg of his mission, the U.N. chief said he was opposed to linking a Namibian independence settlement to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

He was speaking at a press conference shortly before flying to Angola for a scheduled meeting with South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) leader Sam Nujoma.

South African Foreign Minister P. Botha, who had two days of

talks with Mr. Perez De Cuellar earlier this week, has said there can be no settlement in the territory without a withdrawal of the estimated 20,000 to 30,000 Cubans.

"I hate the idea of linking the two things," Mr. Perez De Cuellar said, adding it would be unfair to subordinate Namibian independence to the situation in Angola.

The Cuban presence appeared to be the only major obstacle remaining to Namibian independence following the Cape Town talks where both sides agreed significant progress had been made.

SWAPO President Sam Nujoma said at a press conference in Luanda Thursday that SWAPO had intensified its 17-year guerrilla war against South Africa in several parts of Namibia, the official Angolan news agency reported.

He rejected the link which the United States and South Africa claim exists between Namibian independence and the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

Other leaders have also protested at the procedure and the fact that the U.N. permitted South African administrator-general Willie Van Niekerk to issue the invitations.

Mr. Garoeb, who is regarded as pro-SWAPO, said the briefing he and his colleagues received Thursday left them unconvinced that any progress had been made in the Cape Town talks.

Soviet dissident stripped of citizenship

MOSCOW (R) — Dissident Novelist Georgy Vladimov, who was allowed to emigrate to the West last May, has been stripped of his Soviet citizenship by President Yuri Andropov, the official law gazette announced.

It reported that Mr. Andropov had signed a decree on July 1 revoking the author's passport on the grounds that he had "defamed the high title of citizen of the USSR."

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

© 1983 Tribune Company Syndicate, Inc.

will only confuse him. Sometimes he will remember what you taught him and other times he will follow his inclination. As a result, you will never know what he holds. Leave him alone. At least then you know that, when he bids no trump, he probably has a singleton in your suit, and you can bid accordingly.

Don't try to make your partner bid your way. If he is an overbidder or an underbidder, leave him be — just be aware of his foibles. But it can be fatal to try to allow for his penchant by going the other way yourself. For instance, if you try to offset partner's overbidding by drastic underbidding on your part, he is quite likely to overbid even more to offset your conservative actions.

Lastly, don't berate partner for what you perceive to be an error on his part — even if you are right! A "Tough luck, partner," or "Well done" if he makes the contract, or even no comment at all, goes a lot further than criticism, no matter how well intentioned it is or how softly it is delivered.

Learn to recognize their faults and adapt to them. For example, suppose that you cut a player who insists in bidding no trump whenever he has a singleton in your suit. Even if you can convince him that that is wrong, you

not had official confirmation of the decision to strip him of his Soviet citizenship but heard the news through Western press reports.

This news is a great blow for my wife and me, and not only for us but for the Soviet Union as a whole... it changes nothing and it does not take away my ability to criticise the Soviet government, he said.

He has not applied for asylum in West Germany and has not yet been contacted by the authorities, he said. He had a one-year exit visa from the Soviet authorities and had a one-year visa to stay in West Germany.

Martin Luther King's widow says toughest battle still ahead

ATLANTA (R) — Twenty years after Martin Luther King told the United States that the country's blacks were still handicapped by vestiges of slavery, his widow believes the toughest battle is yet to be fought.

Coretta Scott King says her husband's "I have a dream" speech in Washington two decades ago, before what was then the largest rally ever seen in the land, led to the end of segregation in the area of voting rights.

However, in an interview with Reuters, she said: "The final stronghold of inequality in this society is in the economic arena. Black people have barely scratched the surface in terms of achieving economic justice, or economic parity."

Her husband's celebrated speech is to be commemorated at a Washington rally Saturday, which organisers hope will match Mr. King's 1963 feat in drawing about 250,000 people.

Mr. King works at the King Centre for Non-Violent Social Change, an impressive red brick library and garden complex where his husband's body lies in a white marble sarcophagus.

She gives 100 major speeches a year and, at 56, still puts in dawn-to-dusk working days.

Its programme, including a

El Salvador army runs short of food

SAN SALVADOR (R) — El Salvador's 24,000-strong army often runs short of food when it goes out to hunt leftist guerrillas, a high-ranking military source said.

The source, who asked not to be identified, said that more than half the troops in the field were "literally living hand-to-mouth, day-to-day."

The food shortages were caused by lack of money to buy rations and lack of means to get them to the field, the source said.

Until recently, El Salvador's army rarely left barracks on full-time field patrols and as a result had not established supply lines.

The source noted that substantial U.S. aid to the army did not cover food costs. He said the problem was compounded because some local officers pocketed money allocated to buy food.

In June, the army launched a military-civic action programme loosely based on a U.S. operation in Vietnam to "win the hearts and minds" of people in rural areas where the guerrilla presence is strongest.

Indian envoy holds talks with Sri Lankan leader

COLOMBO (R) — A special envoy from India who is in Colombo to help to find a solution to Sri Lanka's ethnic problem, which led to bloody rioting last month, had a 90-minute meeting with President Junius Jayewardene Friday.

A government spokesman said Mr. Jayewardene and Gopalswami Parthasarathy, an Indian diplomat, had a frank exchange.

The envoy was sent by Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi after at least 385 people, mostly minority Tamils, were killed and 110,000 made homeless. The Tamils' ancestors came originally from the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Mrs. Gandhi, under pressure from Tamil Nadu, offered help in resolving Tamil grievances and Mr. Jayewardene accepted it.

The spokesman said the envoy told the president that India was prepared to give any help required by Sri Lanka in its rehabilitation programme.

For the third day, shops and offices in the northern district of Jaffna, a predominantly Tamil area,

Chilean opposition presses for Pinochet's resignation

SANTIAGO (R) — Political parties trying to oust Chilean President Augusto Pinochet have held their first meeting with Interior Minister Sergio Jarpa and told him they stuck by their demands that the president resign.

But the demand did not appear in a list of eight measures which the democratic alliance said in a statement after the meeting that the government should adopt as soon as possible.

The 90-minute meeting, held at the residence of the archbishop of Santiago, was held only hours after the alliance called for a new day of protest on Sept. 8 to back its call for a return to democracy in 18 months.

Mr. Jarpa went to a dinner with Gen. Pinochet after the talks, saying only that they had been useful and interesting and